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LB 38, 85, 90, 115,
194, 232, 233, 458.

Mr. President, I have received from the Public Employees Retirement Board several actuarial valuations of certain retirement systems. Those will be on file in my office. (See Page 681 of the Journal.)

Mr. President, your Committee on Public Works whose Chairman is Senator Kremer to whom we referred LB 458 instructs me to report the same back to the Legislature with the recommendation it be indefinitely postponed. That's signed by Senator Kremer as Chairman.

SPEAKER MARVEL: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign engrossed LB 38, engrossed LB 85, engrossed LB 115, engrossed LB 194, engrossed LB 232, engrossed LB 233. We're ready to begin with Select File. The first bill on Select File is LB 90.

CLERK: Mr. President LB 90 was placed on Select File. There are no E & R Amendments. However, Senator Merz has an amendment pending, and that amendment may be found on Page 646 of the Legislative Journal.

SPEAKER MARVEL: What Journal page was that on?

CLERK: 646, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Merz.

SENATOR MERZ: Mr. President and members of the body, first off I want you to understand that this has no conflict of interest in regard to my personal oil wells. My wells are in Kansas I'll have you know. They're not in Nebraska, and all this does is give some representation in the eastern part of the state. As it is now, we have three members and they're all from the western part of the state. This is the way it's been since the beginning of the Commission. As you know, Richardson County was the first county in the state to have oil, and there's millions and millions of gallon of oil been pumped out of there. We have hundreds of oil wells. As I know, a lot of these are dead wells, but you still have to keep tab on them, and keep some line on how the oil...or the water will penetrate up into our water supply, if these aren't cemented off. And this is one thing that we are very concerned about. Some of these have been draining for years and years, and without any representation it's hard to get something done. I know the Commissioners from out west come down there occasionally, but not very often, and another thing that this money that they draw for their time and their effort